

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following “PRIORITY CLAIM” section on page 1 of Applicant’s Specification, in between the title “**CONFIGURING PROCESSING UNITS**” and the section titled “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:

PRIORITY CLAIM

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/930,384 titled “Portable Network Encryption Keys”, filed August 15, 2001.

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, line 14-21 with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, if, in step 184, it is determined that the information read from the secure memory location in step 182 corresponds to the written information, then it is assumed that write attempt was successful, and then decision path 188 is followed. At this point it is then assumed that the portable data device was not a secure smart card of the type described, and accordingly decision path 188 is followed. As a result of following decision path 188to step 189, the processing unit could be configured to power itself down, or alternatively to use the network address from NV RAM in accordance with steps 90 and 92 of Figures 5 and 6.